

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition, for use in and preparing a tablet by wet granulation, containing at least one quinoline carboxylic acid antibacterial agent, less than 3% water, and a from 10% wt/wt to 35% wt/wt stabilizer, said stabilizer comprising a second acid source, said second acid source selected from the group consisting of inorganic acids and such as hydrochloric, sulfuric or phosphoric acid, or the group of organic acids, such as anhydrous citric acid, hydrated citric acid, fumaric acid, malic acid, maleic acid, tartaric acid, glutaric acid, benzenesulfonic acid, benzoic acid or salicylic acid.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric, sulfuric or phosphoric acid, anhydrous citric acid, hydrated citric acid, fumaric acid, malic acid, maleic acid, tartaric acid, glutaric acid, benzenesulfonic acid, benzoic acid and salicylic acid.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the amount of stabilizer is 20 to 35% wt/wt.

5. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the amount of stabilizer is around 35% wt/wt.

6. (Previously Amended) The composition of line 1 wherein the quinoline carboxylic acid is norfloxacin.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 4 containing, by weight, 60 to 70% norfloxacin and 20 to 35% of a stabilizer.

8. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 7 wherein the composition contains at least 65% by weight of norfloxacin.

9. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition also contains inert diluents such as filler/binder, a disintegrant and/or a lubricant.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 9 wherein the composition contains 5 to 15% of a binder/filler, 1 to 5% of a disintegrant and/or 0.5 to 2% of a lubricant.

11. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 10 wherein the stabilizer is anhydrous citric acid, the filler/binder is a microcrystalline cellulose, the disintegrant is sodium starch glycolate and the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

12. (Previously Amended) A tablet prepared from the composition of claim 1.

13. (Previously Amended) A tablet of claim 12 which has a conventional film coating.

14-19. (Withdrawn).